

## THE CONTACTS OF CIVILIZATIONS

tested when they went to work in regions which had no enterprises that might profit by their efforts.

Scientific research in tropical diseases is quite as for the natives as for the Europeans. Malaria indiscriminately

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the natives are more subject to cholera and the plague. Added to the Indo-Chinese are susceptible to leprosy, beriberi, tuberculosis, smallpox, and venereal **diseases**. The nourishment of all the population is further by the which follow inundations. Both **leave** a naturally delicate an psey to epidemic. Despite its amazing **fecundity**, the tion, before the French conquest^ was **declining** were transported in droves to work on Southern

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Aimamites\* physical weakness and susceptibility to clearly revealed than ever before.

Of the various epidemics smallpox still all its despite the fact that more than five millions are Aviation has recently played a dramatic role in

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afflicted and hitherto inaccessible areas. The customs of the for contagion. About half of the rural population and for about half of these it was fatal. In trying to **the** efforts met with little success, The doctors had to distrust, which was increased by the warnings of An edict of 1871 making vaccination obligatory a for lack of means to carry it out. **To** supplement

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